

**Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes February 10, 2016**  
Meeting held at the Mid County Regional Library.

**Committee Members**

Sue Blackwell (62/83)  
Emma-Lou Craig (12/16)  
Michael Haymans (35/66)  
Carol Leonard (8/12)  
Dianne Munson (15/25)  
Gene Murtha (6/11)  
Larry Peck (19/25)  
Scot Shively (75/80)  
Pat Spence (5/8)

**Present**

Sue Blackwell  
Emma-Lou Craig  
Michael Haymans  
Dianne Munson  
Gene Murtha  
Larry Peck  
Scot Shively  
Pat Spence

**Not Present**

Carol Leonard (excused)

**BOCC Liaison:**

Stephen R. Deutsch

**Guests**

John Bry of Lee County Planning Dept.

**Staff**

Maryanne Sharkey, Community Services  
Lanette Hart, Manager, Library & History

**9:04 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call** – The January meeting minutes were read, motion to approve by Dianne Munson and second by Gene Murtha. Motion carried to approve.

**Old Business:**

Fundraiser luncheon is Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> from noon until 2:00 pm at the Tringali Center. Scot had tickets if anyone wants them for \$15 per ticket.

Discussion was made on the demolition of the Knight House. Lanette Hart gave the committee the background on how the decision was made to demo the building. The building is beyond repair and would need to be moved to a CIP to get it stabilized until demo would take place. Commissioner Deutsch stated the extent to stabilize the house would be significantly expensive. Discussion on this followed with members. Lanette informed the members there is nothing in the building that is worth selling. Commissioner Deutsch stated if any piping or other materials are worth salvaging, facilities would do so to use to resell or use in another historic building. The Peace River Wildlife has looked at the property site to possibly building their facility. Motion was made to vote on the demolition of the Knight House. Vote was taken and all were in favor of demolition.

**New Business:**

Nothing new to report on the Cleveland Historic District

Committee proposed a historical marker for the Knight House property. It would be placed on the YMCA property. Scot will add to the list of proposed historical markers.

**Historical Development/Reviews:**

1419 Deer Creek Drive, Englewood—replace an existing boat lift and change the mechanism  
1185 Holiday Drive, Englewood—install vinyl seawall over existing concrete seawall.  
There is no digging or demolition involved on these.

**Archives & Collections:**

Crystal is working on the Florida Youth Museum items. There are 42,000 records and scanning items to go through. They are asking for volunteers to help with the process.

**Historical Markers:**

The Charlotte County Historical Center Society sponsored a marker to be installed for Gilcrest at his grave site.

Hickory Bluff Cemetery marker dedication is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. A map will be emailed out to the HAC. Arrangements will be made for a press op for the Boy Scouts at a future date.

PGAAF marker with PGAA signage—still waiting on PGAA. Gene Murtha asked if the marker dedication date could be set by April 1<sup>st</sup> to coincide with planned airport events.

McCall marker has been received, waiting to schedule the dedication. The placement will be in the park where the Bunk House is located.

**Citizen Input:**

John Bry of Lee County Planning Department explained his background and education. He is developing a model of sustainability working with historic cemeteries. He will be putting together a self-guided cemetery trail tour called Here Lies Florida. He is working on designing it into an app for your cell phone.

**Member Comments** - Members shared upcoming programs and events.

**Adjournment** – 10:19 AM

**Next HAC Meeting:** - 9 A.M., Wednesday, March 9, 2016 to be held at Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Commissioner Bill Truex,

Commissioner Christopher Constance

Commissioner Tricia Duffy

Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator

Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.